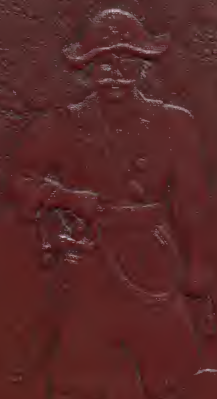
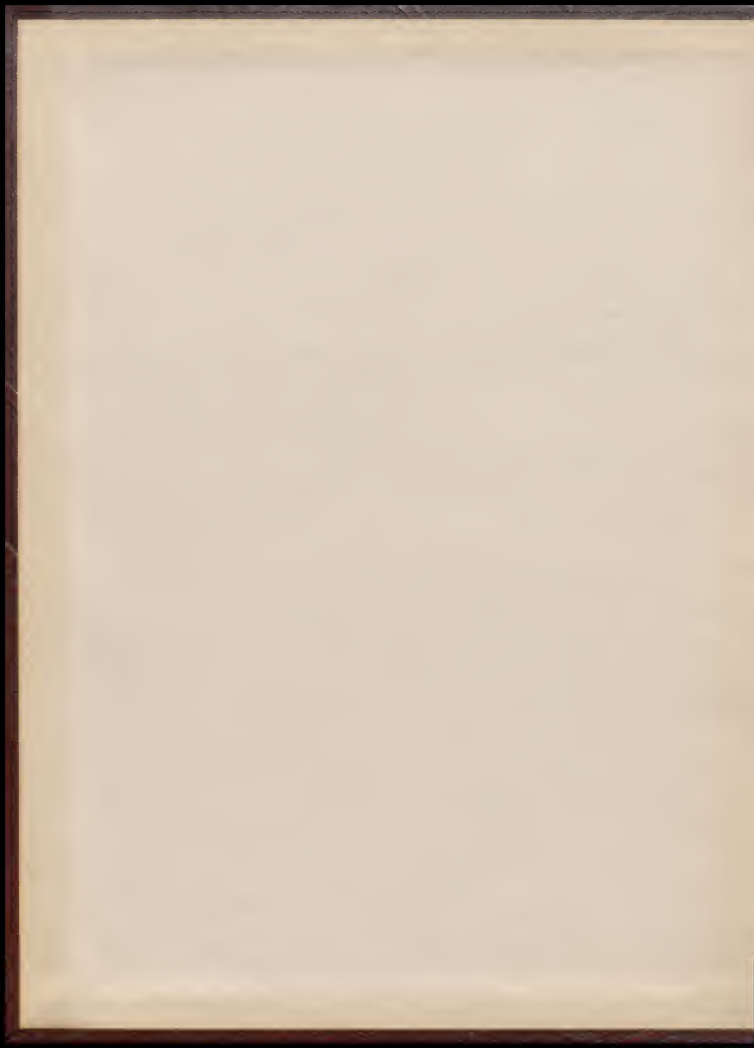


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MERRILL VUE











Merrillville High School
Merrillville, Indiana





We the class of '48 have compiled this annual so that you, our readers, can have an insight into the joys of school life at M. H. S. This year has been very prosperous in many respects. In the academic department strides have been toward modern education by the more extensive use of movies and new and better equipment. In the sports department our football team, in its second year, and basketball team were highly successful. Our school, our experiences we would exchange for nothing in the world. We greatly hope that this annual will be read and enjoyed by everyone.

Dedication

● We, the graduating class of 1948, have dedicated our edition of the *Merrillvue* to Mr. Frank G. Pruitt, who has given his untiring patience and friendship toward us, not only during the production of this volume but throughout all our high school years.

Although we are leaving this year we are not leaving Mr. Pruitt behind. *But how could we?* How could we forget our friend? How could we forget any true friend? He is a friend not only to us seniors but to the whole student body. If ever a need should arise, such as a situation with which we are unable to cope, we call on our Mr. Pruitt. Perhaps he doesn't tell us the answer, but he does give us a clue as to what is right and what is wrong. That is important!

We'll never forget his boyish smile, his quick mind but his slow answers, his laugh as we ask him for the latest gossip, his willingness to cooperate on the annual, his ever ready source of news about any of us and ever so many other small, but important, items. Now just tell us how we could ever forget that. *It's impossible!* Mr. Pruitt please don't ever *change!* Let us come back in a few years and find you as you are now. For good now, we love you just the way you are.



Mr. Frank G. Pruitt

Administration

To the Class of '48

I have no patience for those people who describe the world as cold, hard and ruthless; and say that to succeed one must be equally so.

This is the world most commonly pictured to seniors as they get out from school, but it is a false presentation. True, life may appear so to some, but certainly not to all. How cold, how hard, how ruthless the world is depends on the outlook and attitudes an individual develops and the life he builds for himself. A world of warmth, happiness, and success awaits those who would find it. To find it, one must plan. He must choose a vocation to his liking and to which he is fitted, give religion a place in his life, serve his community and nation, be optimistic, choose friends and companions whom he knows are seeking the same things in life.

Begin now to plan your life so that you will find the warmth, happiness and success that exists in this world. It is not a cold and hard world unless you make it so.



Mr. Edgar Miller
Principal



Mr. Ted Houchin
Trustee



MR. EDWARD ENGLEHART

Physical Education
Basketball Coach

MR. FRANK PAUITT

Mentor
Mathematics
Biology
Physics

MRS. OLIVE BROWN

English
School Treasurer



MRS. HELEN NESBITT

Home Economics



MISS INGEBOURG WECK

Physical Education



MR. PHILLIP NEEDHAM

General Math
Industry Arts
Business Math

MR. BERT EBBES

Government

MISS JEAN KETTRING

Chemistry
Biology
Calesteria Museum
Home Economics

MRS. JANET BAKER

School Mathematics
Mirror Speech
Typing

MR. STANLEY SEMOKAITIS

Industry Arts





MRS. RUTH BULLIS

Comptroller

MR. LOREN CARRIER

Agriculture

MR. RICHARD DEMAREE

*History
Government
Football Coach*

MRS. DOROTHY CARLTON

English

MR. HILMER JACOBSON

*Band
Chorus*

MRS. IRENE COLLINS

*Latin
Mathematics*

MR. LEON LaDUKE

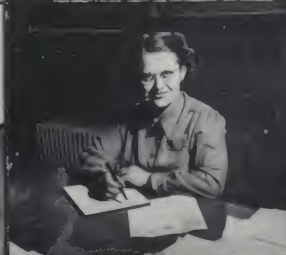
Science & Social Studies

MRS. ELLEN FRAZIER

Secretary

MRS. JOAN DOTY, R. N.

Science Nurse



At A Glance

Just a glance into the everyday scenes around Merrillville High School. Here are some snaps taken during the busy hours and then even after the corridor has been emptied of its pushing, screaming and laughter. It is during these periods of silence that the janitors take over and patiently prepare for another hectic day that follows.



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SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Left to Right: Mr. Demaree; Mr. Pruitt; George Brewer; Evelyn Piske; Alice Lanham; Betty Borman; Carole Tonagel.

Senior Class History

The graduates of 1948 have just completed the busiest year of their four years. In 1944 the class started off under the leadership of Bill Purcell with James Shaver as vice president. Jack Purcell as secretary, Marvin Franz as treasurer and Richard Spiroff as reporter. The only important activity of that year was the freshman party which was a great success. Mr. Pruitt, Miss Knoop, and Mr. Eddy were the sponsors.

During the Sophomore year the leaders were: president, James Shaver; vice-president, Robert Thomas; secretary, George Brewer; treasurer, Marlene Kros and reporter, Marjorie Hoepfner with Mr. Pruitt as the sponsor. In the middle of the year when James Shaver resigned, Robert Thomas took over the presidency and Carole Tonagel was elected vice president. In this year the class selected their class sweaters which were black and white. The class also enjoyed a successful party.

The Junior year was one of the biggest thus far in their high school life. The class elected Marjorie Hoepfner as president, Bill Purcell, vice-president, Betty Borman, secretary, and Marlene Kros, treasurer. The sponsors who helped them through this big year were Mrs. Lester and Mr. Pruitt. The first big event in this year was the Junior play, "One Wild Night". It was a great success and everyone enjoyed it. The next event was the Junior dance. The theme of this dance was the Balloon Ball. The Juniors made a small profit which was used for the last and biggest event of the year, the Junior-Senior Prom. The program was held at the Marquette Pavilion, and the theme was Night and Day.

Last but not least comes the Senior year. Leaders for this year were: president, George Brewer; vice-president, Betty Borman; treasurer, Evelyn Piske and secretary, Alice Lanham. The seniors chose as their sponsors Mr. Pruitt and Mr. Demaree. The class was busy this year putting out the annual and the Mirror. As the festivities came to a close and May came around the class looked back on their history and hoped they could make as great a success of their future.

Senior Class History Con't.

Seniors

JOYCE ANN ANDERSON

Sunshine 1 3
G. A. A. 1 2
T. E. 1 4 vice-president
Mirror Staff 4
Annals Staff 4
Class Read Class

ROBERT APPLETON

T. E. 1 4

IRENE BODNAR

Sunshine 3
Class Read Class 4
Mirror Staff 4
Annals Staff 2

ROBERT BODAMER

T. E. 1 4

Football 4

RUTH BODAMER

G. A. A. 1
Sunshine 2
T. E. 2 4 president

BETTY BORMAN

Sunshine 1 2 3 4
Sports Club 3
G. A. A. 1 2
Mirror Staff 4
Annals Staff 4
Football Cheerleader 4
Class Play 3

JUNE BOWERS

Sunshine 2 3 4 corresponding secretary
Annals Staff 4
Class Read Class 1
Library 4

ALICE BREK

Class Read Class 1 2
G. A. A. 2 treasurer
Class Withdrawing 1

GEORGE BREWER

Library 3 4 secretary
Mirror Staff 4
Class Read Class 4
Class Withdrawing 4
Track 1 4
Basketball 1 2 3 4
Football 2 3 4
Senior Read Class 1

MARQUERITE BURRIS

Class Read Class 4
G. A. A. 2, 3 4
Library

NORMA BUSHONG

Home Read Class 1
Sunshine 3 4 secretary
Annals Staff 4
Mirror Staff 4
Class Play 3

VALLIE COLLINS

Sunshine 3 4
Mirror Staff 4
Student Council 4 president
Class Play 3
Lakewood 2
Chorus 3, 4

Veterans John Carlos, Karl Stemmig, Edward Adler, and James Shaver took the government test for their diplomas and received them with this graduating class. James Shaver was formerly a member of the class but joined the Navy before he had completed the required work. Now, thanks to the government and a little borrowing by Jim, he graduated with his classmates who were to leave him back.



Seniors

TOM CREW

Hi-Y 4
Whetson 2 3

JEAN DAVIES

G. A. A. 1 2, 3, 4
Sports Club 4
Mirror Staff 4
Annual Staff 4

HARRY DAVIS

St. Joseph 1
T-Post 2
Hi-Y 4
Camera Club 3 president
Football

YVONNE DAVIS

Camera Club 3
G. A. A. 2
Tri-Ep 4
Band 1
Chorus 2, 3, 4

BARBARA DEFOOR

G. A. A. 1, 2, 3
De-Ed 3, 4
Junior Red Cross 1
Basketball Cheerleader 4
Class Play 3

TRESA EICH

Sunshine 3, 4
G. A. A. 1, 2
Junior Red Cross 2
Glee Club 2

VIRGINIA FERRELL

Murphysburg, Ill. 1
Camera Club 3
Sports Club 3
Chorus 2

HARRIETTA FLECK

G. A. A. 1, 2, 3 secretary-treasurer
4 vice-president
Mirror Staff 4
Camera 4

SHIRLEY GREINER

Sunshine 3
G.A.A. 3, 4
Mirror Staff 4
Annual Staff 4
Junior Red Cross 1, 2
Library 2, 3

JACK GRIFFIN

Football 3, 4
Track 1, 2
Hi-Y 3, 4

LAWRENCE GRUNDLER

Mirror Staff 4
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4 Pres.
Student Council 3, 4

JOSEPHINE HALFMAN

Camera Club 4
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, vice president 4
Mirror Staff 4
Annual Staff 4 assistant editor
Junior Red Cross 1



Seniors

MARJORIE HOEPPNER

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4
Sports Club 3
S. A. A. 1, 2
Mirror Staff 4
Annual Staff 4 editor
Student Council 3 secretary 4
Library 2, 3
Class president 3
Class reporter 2

ANNE HORN

Camera Club 4
S. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4

EDWIN HUELSTER

MY 3, 4

JOHN JOHNSON

MY 4
Mirror Staff 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Chorus 2, 3, 4
Football 3, 4
Senior Red Cross 1

RUTH JONES

Low Wallace 1, 2
Sunshine 3, 4 vice-president
Camera Club 3 reporter
Chorus 4, 4
Class Play 3
Mirror Staff 4

GERALDINE KEILMAN

S. A. A. 2, 3, 4
Tri-Ed 4
Mirror Staff 4
Library 2

ILMAE KIMBLE J

S. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4 president
Student Council 4

MARLENE KROS

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4 president
Class Treasurer 2, 3
Student Council 4 secretary
Junior Red Cross 2
Class Play 3
Mirror Staff 4

JACK LAHAIE

Annual 4
Mirror Staff 4
Camera Club 3, 4 president
Football 4
Track 3
Junior Red Cross 2
Student Council 4

ALICE LANHAM

Tri 3, 4
Sunshine 2
Camera Club 3
Tri-Ed 4
Mirror 4
Annual 4
Palm Queen 3
Class Secretary 4

LESTER LUECKE

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4

FLORA MAGER

Sports Club 3, 4



Seniors

EILEEN MAGEE

Sunshine 3, 4
G. A. A. 1, 2
Mirror Staff 4
Chorus 2, 3, 4
Junior Red Cross 1

DOROTHY MAGNUSON

Sunshine 1, 2, 4
Mirror Staff 4
Band 2, 3, 4
Chorus 2, 3, 4
Bookstore 4
Trip 3, 4

CHESTER MAIHOFFER

Hi-Y 3, 4
Annual Staff 4
Chorus 2, 3, 4
Basketball 2, 4
Football 3, 4
Track 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Play 1

JOYCE MANDLY

Sunshine 1, 2, 4
Camera Club 3
Hi-Y 4
Mirror Staff 4
Annual Staff 4
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Junior Red Cross 2
Tri 3, 4

IDA McDONALD

Sunshine 1, 2
G. A. A. 1, 2
Hi-Y 4
Mirror Staff 4
Annual Staff 4
Junior Red Cross 2

PATRICIA MITCHELL

Sunshine 3, 4
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Mirror Staff 4
Student Council 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4 president
Chorus 3, 4
Junior Red Cross 1, 2
Class Play 3

ARLEN MOHLER

Hi-Y 3, 4
Mirror Staff 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4

JAMES MONINGER

Hi-Y 3, 4
Football 3, 4 captain
Basketball 2
Track 2, 4
Junior Red Cross 1, 2
Class Play 3

MARIANNA O'BRIEN

Sunshine 1, 2, 3
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3
Football 4
Chorus 2, 3, 4
Junior Red Cross 1, 2
Library 2, 3

ESTHER PETERSEN

Camera Club 2, 3
G. A. A. 1
Chorus 1, 2, 3
Junior Red Cross 1, 2

EVELYN PISKE

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4
Mirror Staff 4
Chorus 2, 3, 4
Bookstore 4
Cafeteria 1, 2

JOE POLLOCK

Hi-Y 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Chorus 4



Seniors

BARBARA POPP

Junior Staff 4
 Junior Red Cross 1, 2
 Library

BILL PURCELL I

S. S. 4
 Class President 1
 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
 Class Vice-President 3
 Football 4
 Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
 Track 1, 2, 3, 4

JACK PURCELL

H. Y. 3, 4
 Freshman 1, 2, 3, 4
 Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
 Football 4
 Class Treasurer 1

JEAN SERLES

Junior Staff 4
 N. A. A. P. 3, 4
 Mirror Staff 4
 Orchestra 1

RICHARD SPIROFF

H. Y. 3, 4 president
 Student Council 4 vice-president
 Staff 1, 2
 Basketball 1
 Junior Board Director of T. & A. Assn.
 Men 4
 Representative to Student Council 4

ROBERT SPRINGER

H. Y. 3, 4 vice-president
 Junior Prom King

PAT SPURR

Cinema Club 4
 G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
 Orchestra 1

INGEBORG STEINHAUS

Cinema Club 2
 G. A. A. 1, 2
 Y. E. 4
 Mirror Staff 4
 Chorus 2, 3, 4
 Junior Red Cross 1
 Basketball Cheerleader 4
 Library 3
 Orchestra 2

LITA STIEFENHOEFER

Sports Club 3, 4
 Bookstore 4
 Law Waller 1, 2

EILEEN STOKA

Cinema Club 3
 Harmonica Solo 1
 Orchestra 2

ROBERT SULLIVAN

H. Y. 3, 4
 Annual Staff 4
 Football 3, 4
 Junior Red Cross 1
 Class Play 3

ROBERT THOMAS

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
 H. Y. 4
 Sports Club 3
 Student Council 2
 Junior Red Cross 1, 2
 Baseball 4
 Class Vice-president 2



Seniors

CHARLES THOMPSON

Camera Club 3, 4
Chorus 3, 4
Junior Red Cross 2
Basketball Cheerleader 2
Library 4

CAROLE TONAGEL

Sunshine 1, 3 Treasurer
Sports Club 3 Treasurer
Mirror Staff 4
Student Council 4
Chorus 1, 2, 4
Library 2
Class Play 3

EDWARD VEREB

Hi-Y 3, 4 Treasurer
Alpha Star 4

JUNE WENTLAND

Sunshine 1, 3, 4 Secretary, Secretary
Mirror Staff 3 Junior Red Cross Editor
4 editor
Student Council 4
Library 1, 3

BETTY WESLEY

Sunshine 2, 3, 4 Secretary, Secretary
Camera Club 3
Mirror Staff 4
Annual Staff 4
Chorus 4
Junior Red Cross 2
Library 3

DOUGLAS WIETBROCK

Hi-Y 4
Sports Club 3 Vice-President
Basketball Student Manager 1, 4
Junior Red Cross 1, 2

WILLIAM WILSON

Hi-Y 4
Sports Club 3
Annual Staff 4
Basketball 3, 4
Football 4
Track 3, 4
Basketball 3, 4
Golf 1, 2

RUTH WININGER

Camera Club 3
G. A. A. 1, 2
Tri-Ec 4
Chorus 1, 2, 3
Library 3

HOWARD WOJAHN

Hi-Y 4
Sports Club 3
Chorus 4
Junior Red Cross 1, 2
Basketball Student Manager 1, 4
Junior Play 3

MARILYN WOOD

Camera Club 3
Annual Staff 4
Chorus 1, 2, 3
Junior Red Cross 2



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Junior Class Officers

Front : John Shuttleworth, Ray Clements, Patricia Blaze.

Back : Mr. Needham, Mrs. Collins, Beatrice DeFoor, Reva Fellows.

After completing two successful years in high school, the Junior Class began their third year with Ray Clements as president, Pat Blaze as vice-president, Reva Fellows as secretary and Beatrice De Foor as treasurer. Sponsoring the class were Mrs. Collins, and Mr. Needham.

The first try at success was the Junior Play "Good Night, Ladies". The class as a whole backed the cast to put the play over and it was enjoyed by everyone that attended.

The next event of the year was the Junior Dance. The profit from the dance was used for the biggest event of the year, the Junior-Senior Prom. The prom was held at the usual place in Marquette Park at the pavilion on May 14. About one hundred couples danced to the music of Bud Pressner's orchestra. The theme carried throughout the evening was "Twilight Time."

The class has done fine and was very co-operative during the past year and we wish them all the luck in the world for their Senior year at M. H. S.

Juniors

Row I : Barbara Nelson, Carolyn Hockett, Lillian Burris, Marlene Meyer, Phyllis Robinson

Row II : Max Leffert, Turv Greck, Calvin Prott, Joan McDonald, Charles Goss

Row III : Alice Brek, Yvonne Miller, Charlotte Gray, Cairne Cook, Virginia Franko

Row IV : Joyce Hancock, Judy Gadsness, Mary Woodland, Donna Henricks, Delores Nearing

Row V : Bertha Yaros, Norma Davis, Grace Alexander, Nancy Haster

Row VI : Robert M-Coy, Robert Wilson, Marilyn Danielson, Beverly Davis

Row VII : Donald Conner, Melvin Marshall, Jack Wall, Michael Senko

Row VIII : Henry Mikilich, Ray Giacomini, Charles Harding, Robert Weber





Juniors

Row I : Elaine Johnson, Jane McAlpin, Dorothy Marsland, Bonnie Eulryon, Beverly Abbott.

Row II : Margaret Jackson, Phyllis Korman, Ann Kinner, Maryann Korman, Barbara Weidman.

Row III : Shirley Fowler, Rose Ford, Joyce Naff, Charlene Cross.

Row IV : Shirley Clark, Roseen Clark, Catherine MacLaverly, Catherine Hallman, Pat Knopp.

Row V : Delgo Perez, James Thompson, James Jakneovich, Dorah Johnson.

Row VI : Jack Finlan, Harold Ray, David Schuster, Robert Knut.

Row VII : Jerry Shaw, Bob Baker, Alexander Ruch, Wood, Jerry O'Brien.

Row VIII : Samuel Reed, Erwin Mehl, James Lennertz, Charles Wingis.



Left to Right : Mrs. Barker, Miss Weck, Theresa Franko, Mrs. Carlton, Don Carpenter, Bob Fieler.



Sophomore History

After surviving their freshman initiation and first year in high school, the class of '50 entered their second year under the leadership of Robert Fieler. To help him out the class selected Pat Sullivan, vice-president. As secretary they chose Don Carpenter and for treasurer, Theresa Franko. The class sponsors are Mrs. Baker, Miss Weck, and Mrs. Carlton.

The class took part in the annual carnival. Both boys and girls of the class proved their worth in sports by participating in the class tournaments in basketball and volleyball.

Differing from previous years, the class had representatives on the annual and school paper staffs. These people worked with the staff members to get to get a full hands on information

and experience to help them when it becomes their turn to put one out.

The class sponsored a dance after a game in order to build up a substantial treasury to see them through their Junior year. We wish them success in their final years of high school and know they will prove a valuable asset to M. H. S.



Row XI : Thomas Resnowski, Edward Leake, Gilbert Tanner, Robert Ford, John Mitchell, William Douthett, John Ford, Ray Tonia.
Row XII : Jacqueline Richards, William Spurr, Robert Reed, William Ford, Ray Tonia.
Row XIII : Shirley Essick, Norma Jean Lawrence, Betty Ann Dick, Betty Forester, Pearl Shroff.



Sophomores

Row I : Robert Krzycki, Joseph Red
left, Verna Williams, Donald Foster,
Alfred Smith.

Row II : Anna Cross, Jack Jones,
Charles Roberts, John Taylor, Lon
ald Davis.

Row III : Richard Johnson, Robert
Mager, William Hill, Thomas Jones.

Row IV : Mary Ellen Hayes, Sue Kri-
ter, Elaine Green, Laurita Franz,
Dorothy Winkis.

Row V : Barbara Kwasny, Betty Bow-
ers, Paula Robinson, Ione Hayes, Mary
Lee Ingles.

Row VI : Richard Newman, William
Piddle, Edwin Wall, Robert Thompson,
Donald Lakeba.

Row VII : Dan McLean, Dean Lucko,
Andrew Taylor, Edward Black.

Row VIII : Virginia Olekczak, Berle
Johnson, Eldon Powell, Charles May,
Guson, James Bailey.

Row I : Elaine Wullenweber, Glis-
Aldine Mac Laverly, Janet Cook, Mar-
tha Lee Matthews, Mary Brek.

Row X : Joan Yaros, Rose Leggett,
Mary Jesko, Rose Boda, Grace Bos-
mer.

Row XI : Marjory Manis, William
Kimble, Kenneth Polp, James Hail-
ingsworth, Edward Jenkins.

Row XII : Ralph White, Donald Ma-
gee, Richard Hill, Richard Lash,
Richard Brink.

Row XIII : Betty Moreland, Elsie
Wesley, Dorothy Rendo, Dorothy Swier-
czak.

Row XIV : Louise Holman, Helen
Calhoun, Patricia Shearer, Bernice
Kopela, Paula Pickford.



Freshmen

Class Officers

Left to Right: Louise Varro, Theresa Smith, Mr. Semokatis, Darrell Lauer, Charles Lanham, Warton Wiebrock.



These 81 wide-eyed Freshmen looked around this year and found themselves to be full fledged members of the Merville High School. They are now enjoying the privilege of such, even though they were the "Underdogs."

The Seniors put them through the paces the night of the initiation and they are just waiting for their chance for revenge.

This year for the first time, a Freshman basketball team was organized. The cheerleaders chosen were: Joanne Powers, Barbara Keaton and Rosalie Sharp.

A new method of collecting dues was devised; whereas, if the class dues are not paid, a twenty five cent fine a month is collected. The Freshmen gave a dance after the Freshmen Tourney which was a great success.

Officers of the year were: Darrell Lauer, president; Warton Wiebrock, vice president; Louise Varro, secretary; Theresa Smith, treasurer; and Charles Lanham, representative.

Row I : Jerome Kuzma, Don Kuzimer, Charles Gernenz, Donald Moffat, Henrichs, Dean Lewis.

Row II : Peggy O'Brien, Dorothy Rustovski, Delores Dondanville, Robert Ingraham, Barbara Borgmann.

Row III : Robert Mandly, Glen Morris, Barbara Keaton, Peggy Franko, Jay Brewer, Barbara Kirk, Lorraine Schmidt.

Standing : William McCallum, Wayne Carpenter, Robert Mekka, Charles Aubuchon, Robert Lannison, Ronald Enloe.





Freshmen

Row I : Thomas Hoffmeister, Albert Luckwood, Charles Best.

Row II : James Wilkins, Alexander Smith, Julius Brown, Lee Litley.

Row III : James Blackwell, Fred Smith, Thomas Nolan, William McLean, David Rhodes.

Row IV : Ardeth Bell, Laura Hildebrand, Leon Miller, Jerry Taylor, Harlo Porter.

Row V : Patricia St. Myers, William VanMerten, Margaret Series, Betty Schlesinger, Corinne Genaro.

Row VI : Norma Hildebrand, Clara Blackwell, Gertrude Davis, Arlene Wilson.

Row VII : Vernon Saxon, Art Lewis, John Burns.

Row VIII : Lyle VanGorp, John Kanda, Sanford Hollingsworth.

Row IX : James Schoon, Robert Smith, Albert Verell, John Meyer, Temple Nolan.

Row X : Charles Greiner, Howard Hughes, Shirley Harvard, Jean Powers, Mary Ann Hoffman.

Row XI : Lynne Leake, Audrey Finn, Bonnie Buhr, Bonnie Lindborg, Wanda Hensel.

Row XII : Joyce DeFoor, Bonnie Sharp, Eleanor Leffert, Marilyn Scott, Cynthia Sherrick.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK ENDING JAN 10

MON

6 CAMPBELL 5 PD

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GRIFFITH HERE

FRI

MOVIE SULLIVANS 2 PD

STUDENT COUNCIL 3 OR 1 PD

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Student Council

The Student Council is the student governing body which helps to promote self-government in the school. Its members are the presidents of all classes and organizations, home room representatives, and the editors of the Mirror and the Merrillvue. Last spring a student election was held in which Valerie Ann Collins was elected president of the student body. During the first meeting this fall the Council elected its officers as follows: vice-president, Richard Spiroff, secretary, Marlous Kros, and treasurer, Ray Clements. After sponsoring the freshmen initiation, the Council set up a program of activity periods with one one-hour period a week for extracurricular activities. One period a month was devoted to each of the following: club meetings, class meetings, movies, and assembly programs. Some of the movies were Fiesta, The Sullivans, and Stage Door Canteen. The Council has tried to work out some of the difficulties around school such as conduct at programs, crowded hallways between classes, and the untidy lockers. An attempt is also being made to secure blinds for the gymnasium. The annual football dance and Christmas program were both a great success this year. For the first time, an organization including the councils of the surrounding schools has been formed and Richard Spiroff was chosen as our representative on the program committee. These are but a few of the many contributions the Council has made toward the student life at M. H. S.



The Sunshine Society, consisting of 48 girls under the sponsorship of Mrs. Dorothy Carlton has for its purpose "cheery helpfulness." The girls in the club try to pattern their lives after the creed and to spread good cheer.

This year the society elected the following officers: Marjot Kral, president; Ruth Jones, vice-president; June Bowers, corresponding secretary; Betty Wesley, recording secretary; Norma Bushong, treasurer; Arlene Wilson, reporter.

The activities for the year began with the annual and light initiation and the District Convention at Star City on October 11. According to the custom the club members chose Ideal Ladies and drew names for secret pals who were remembered on birthdays, Christmas, and other special occasions. A chile supper after a basketball game helped to build up their treasury from which donations are given to the Riley Fund and other good causes.

They were kept busy in December caroling and presenting the one-act play, "The Christmas Rose", for the Christmas program. A good time was had by the girls that attended the State Convention at West Lafayette. In the spring the year's activities were brought to an end by teas held in honor of their mothers and Ideal Ladies at which the girls who had chosen them were revealed.

G. A. A. is the Girls' Athletic Association whose ideals are clean living, good sportsmanship, or each member of skill and enjoyment in each others' fellowship.

The officers of the G. A. A. are president: Hilda Kumble, vice-president: Henrietta Fleck, secretary-treasurer: Joyce Nell, reporter: Alice Brak, and sponsor: Miss Weck.

The officers of the G. A. A. are president: Hilda Kumble, vice-president: Henrietta Fleck, secretary-treasurer: Joyce Nell, reporter: Alice Brak, and sponsor: Miss Weck. The annual Sads Hawkins Dance was the main social activity of the year at which Daisy Mae and Lyle Abner retained for the evening.

Some of the sports featured are roller skating, taking basketball, softball and acrobatics.





The Sport's Club has completed another successful year. The purpose of the club is to interest people in sports.

The club met once every month under the leadership of Coach Englehart. The meetings consisted of partaking in athletic activities or discussing current sports. Committees were chosen to have something ready for the next meeting.

This is the second year for the Sport's Club and we hope that it will continue in the forthcoming years.

The officers of the year were: president, Corrine MacLamore, vice-president, Ruby Gadness, secretary, Caroline Lenon, treasurer, Virginia Franko.



This is the second year of existence for the Junior Hi-Y at Merrillville. It was organized to prepare the freshmen and sophomores for the Senior Hi-Y. The boys had the same good fortune as they had last year in having Mr. Richard Demaree as sponsor. The officers for the year were: president, Jack Sims, vice-president, Charles Lanham; treasurer, Bill Kimble; sergeant-at-arms, Dan Molchan; and reporter, Roy Tanis.

It has found a friendly rival in the Senior Hi-Y in athletic events such as the annual football game. This year with the fine playing of Warton Wietbrock, Danny Molchan, and the rest of the team, the Junior Hi-Y won by a score of 7 to 6.

This club has become one of the most popular in the school for underclass boys.

The Hi-Y is a fraternity and its purpose is to create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community, high standards of Christian character.

Last spring elections were held in which the following were elected: Richard Spiroff, president; Robert Springer, vice-president, George Buer, secretary, Edward Verb, treasurer, Edwin Huelester, chaplain, and Chester Maihofer, sergeant-at-arms. These officers have done a wonderful job in carrying out their respective duties.

Informal initiation was held October 19 and a good time was had by all especially the initiates.

On January 5th the Hi-Y sponsored Mr. George Campbell for the student body. He is a nationally known song leader and humorist and he gave a very entertaining program.

Some of the boys attended the very successful state and district conventions. These boys brought back many new and useful ideas. On the whole it was a very successful year for Hi-Y.





This year the Tri-Epsilon became affiliated with the Future Homemakers of America which is a national organization of home economics clubs. This will give the group a chance to become familiar with customs of other parts of the country and get new ideas from other clubs. A National Convention in July will enable them to meet in person some of the groups they have corresponded with and read about. This change has opened membership to freshmen and sophomores with only one year of home economics required.

Some of the highlights of the year included a beautiful candle light initiation of 17 members and a hayride and sock dance which made quite a hit with the students.

This year the Tri-Ep was under the sponsorship of Mr. Ketting with Ruth Bodamer as president, Joyce Anderson vice-president, Alice Lanham treasurer, Betty Yaros, secretary and Beverly Davis, reporter.

Future Farmers Of America



The Merrillville Chapter of FFA is an extracurricular organization. The principle objective is to develop cooperative spirit in farm boys. The season's activities started with an officers leadership training school held in Rensselaer, November 21st, the FFA membership was granted a day to visit the 10th Anniversary of International Harvester in Chicago. Again December 5th they journeyed to Chicago for the International Livestock Exhibition.

The FFA chapter of Merrillville had representative membership at the District Meeting held in Lowell in March, and the State Meeting held at Purdue University in April.

There are four degrees of agriculture achievement in FFA work which are Green Hands, Future Farmers, State Farmers, and National Farmers. Lawrence Grundler president, is a Hoosier Farmer; Lester Luebcke, vice-president; Burdette Homeier, secretary; Pat Sullivan, treasurer; Henry Mikulich, reporter; and William Douthett are Future Farmers. All freshman memberships are considered "Green Hands" until they prove their ability in thrift, agriculture and knowledge.

As in many organizations the FFA's chief worry is to finance the club's many activities. This was accomplished by selling at concessions for football games, selling garden seeds, and its first annual Barn Dance given January 30th. Mr. Carrier is the sponsor who has given a great deal of help in carrying out their plans.

Camera Club

Although the Camera Club is barely two years old, it has made a deep impression on our school activities. Photography proved an enjoyable hobby, but they decided to make it more than that. They went into the business of developing film and printing pictures for the community. The small proceeds from this enterprise went into the Club's treasury.

This year they decided to make their club all one group so that they might all obtain the same benefits. Under the expert guidance of Mr. Frank Pruitt, their sponsor, they have been sending entries to the National High School Photography Contest in New York.

The only requirement for membership in the Camera Club is an active interest in photography. Through the efforts of its officers: president, Jack Lahaie; vice president, Delores Nearing; treasurer, Jacqueline Richards; secretary, Reva Fellows, the club has progressed very well.







Band

The membership of the Merrillville Band during the '47 to '48 year totals 52, an increase of fifteen over last year's. By means of a loan system from the Lyons Band Instrument Company new members can obtain instruments for a three month's beginning period.

For the first time the band elected officers to help promote the organization. This year's officers were president, Patricia Mitchell, vice-president, Michael Senko, secretary-treasurer, Margaret Jacobus, librarian, Dorothy Magunson.

The parents, organized as the Band Boosters, have helped build the band in many ways, such as awards and uniforms.

Among the important events of the year were the two concerts, and a State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Hammond in which many of the band members were winners.

Through the wonderful work of Mr. Jacobson, the band has had a highly successful year.



Miss Patricia Mitchell, President of Band Boosters, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Senko



Choir

The interest in the Merrillville A Cappella Choir has grown this year due to the honor they have brought the school in past years. This interest has built a bigger and better chorus with the membership jumping from 32 to 84.

After some of their first appearances at the Northern Indiana Choral Clinic, the Northwestern Indiana State Teachers Association, the Merrillville Methodist Church and the 43rd Avenue Presbyterian Church, requests began to pour in for them.

The girls' trio, consisting of Joyce Mandly, Alice Lanham and Dorothy Magnuson, have made several appearances with the choir.

The success of this choir is mainly accomplished through the efforts of their director, Mr. Jacobson who has made it state renown.

Trio

Alice Lanham, Dorothy Magnuson, Joyce Mandly





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Annual

This MERRILLVUE of 1948 has been possible through the efforts of its sponsor the entire staff, and some outside assistants. The sponsor was Mr. Pruitt, who seems from his wide range of experiences, to have picked up valuable knowledge of annuals which has been used extensively in putting out this yearbook. Just as any project must have a leader, Marjorie Hoepfner was irreplaceable. The staff and other assistants helped a great deal in compiling the pictures, articles for print, and gathering advertisements.

Enjoyment, distress, troubles, and valuable experience were encountered on the way to the production. Though at times we thought the pictures would never reach the engraver or the type the printer, we finally succeeded.

If you will obtain as much from this annual as we have put into it, we will have reached our goal.



Mirror

In an interest to improve the newspaper and stimulate interest, this year's MIRROR staff included besides seniors, juniors and sophomores, all of whom helped to publish a twelve page paper every three weeks.



The MIRROR now in its eleventh year has a subscription circulation of approximately 350 papers which go to the grade school pupils as well as the high school students twenty-one copies are used for exchange with different schools.



It is published in the school commercial department where it is typed, printed and photographed by the students.



Under the able direction of Mrs. Baker, with Julie Wentland as editor the paper was a great success. The staff members had fun in putting out the paper, although it was a big job.

Janitors

Janitors: These men keep our school in perfect appearance all through the year. After classes are over, they are always found in the school building, cleaning and making the rooms, halls, and corridors clean and comfortable. Without the Janitors, our school would not be the place it is today.

Cooks

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Bus Drivers

Bus Drivers: These are the people who pick us up and take us home every day. All sports fans and players are very grateful for their transportation to and from games.

Janitors: Mr. Thomas Hawkins, Mr. Clifford Paine, Mr. Joseph Howe
Cooks: Mrs. Margaret Niles, Mrs. Clara Paine, Mrs. Walter Barker, Mrs. Fred Jones
Bus Drivers: Mr. James Wiley, Mr. Charles Boyd, Mr. Edward N. Smith, Mr. Baker, Mr. Dave Hansen, Mr. Harry Ford, Mr. Fred Idage, Mr. John Olson, Mr. Edward Ayres



Junior Play

"Good Night Ladies" by E. S. Day was given by the junior class on November 19, at 8:30 p. m. A matinee for the grade school was given November 18.

In this three-act farce, the Raleigh youngsters, Helen, Jane, and Sam inherit an old house with a mortgage on it. In order to pay off the mortgage, they plan to turn it into a dormitory for a nearby girls' school. Their aunts, who are to supervise it, cannot arrive in time. So that the dean will permit the girls to move in, Helen and Jane's boyfriends decide to impersonate the aunts and take over till they arrive.

The play was a wonderful comedy and it provided an evening of laughs for all.

The leading characters were played by Delores Nearina, Mary Woodland, Jim Lennertz, and James Thompson.

We sincerely hope that their senior play will be as big a success as their junior play.



Junior Play

On November 16, 1940, the Junior class of 46 presented a play entitled "One Wild Night". This play was well liked and enjoyed by the capacity packed audience.

Rodney Dodd is a healthy young man who, because most of his ancestors have been neuritic invalids, refuses to believe he could live a normal life. His aunt, Aunt Myra Opal Dodd, is in the same condition, only she must have peace and quiet. Having prepared for utter quiet, Aunt Myra, when visiting Rodney, is accompanied by a companion, Charlotte Allen, young and

attractive and not the least bit unhealthy. Charlotte overwhelms Rodney. Because Charlotte admires men of action, Rodney decides to do the things which he has always been afraid of, even at the cost of his life. He sends to the newspapers the complete story and evidence which he has on the gangster, Scorpio. He gives his house to the girls' school next door for a dormitory. He dashes madly about performing all kinds of errands of mercy, and then lies down to die. However the next morning he awakens feeling better and everything comes out fine including his health.

JUNIOR PLAY CAST

Rodney Dodd	James Morrison
Charlotte	Margaret Koss
Andrew	Robert Young
Aunt Myra Opal Dodd	Norma Bushong
Charlotte Allen	Marjorie Hoepfner
Dr. Bell	Doc Johnson
Nurse Tamm	Mary Kanning
Ned Stierwald	Edward Hunsicker
Doris Hutchinson	Dorothy Lee Hunsicker
Hawkins	Jim Cummings
Clarkens	Paula Hunsicker
Maribelle	Valerie Collins
Mrs. Emily	Constance Campbell
Mrs. Benson	Patricia Mitchell
Ade Darnell	Bob Jones
James Simpson	Bob Young
James Brady	Constance Hunsicker

During the Christmas Season, the Sunshine Society presented a one act play entitled "The Christmas Rose". The cast was comprised entirely of girls, some playing the parts of boys. Three performances were given - one for the P.T.A., one for the grade school and one for the high school.

PLAY CAST OF

CHRISTMAS ROSE

Robert	Tim Koss
Charlotte	Marjorie Koss
Andrew	Mary Lee Jones
Emily	Emily O'Brien
Mary	Paula Jones
William the Monk	Norma Bushong
James	James Koss
Christopher	Robert Koss
Samuel Christmas	Marjorie Hoepfner

The object of this play was to renew the grand old feeling of Christmas. Gresham is the first to appreciate the real feeling of Christmas and through a line of circumstances he makes the others appreciate the true meaning of Christmas, and he also makes the audience feel the same.

Merrillville H. S. Prom of 1947

The Junior-Senior prom of 1947 was held on May 16th at 9:00 p. m. in the Pavilion at Marquette Park.

The king and queen, Robert Springer and Alice Lanham, were crowned by the former king and queen at the finish of the Grand March in which everyone took part.

The beautiful moonlight evening was spent with one hundred couples dancing to the music of Bud Pressner's orchestra. Punch and cookies were served by the junior class. The theme of this prom was "Night and Day".



Dances



Football Hop. With the music of Bill Michaels as a fitting background, Co-captains H. Davis and J. Moninger crowned Inga Steinhaus queen of the second annual Football Hop. The dance was held October 18 in the gayly decorated gym of M.H.S.

Votes cast in the form of money won for Inga this title. This money, with that from the dance, was used by the Student Council in buying football equipment and sweaters for graduating players. This dance gave everyone a chance to see football heroes decked out in their "Sunday Best".

Senior Dance. The senior dance was held November 7, 1948, in the school gym. The decorations cleverly suggested the theme which was Deep Purple. The students danced to the music of the Musical Jesters.

This dance, an annual event, was attended by many. The boys in ties and the girls in their newest finery were all decked out to enjoy a wonderful evening of dancing.

The seniors were very well pleased with

this gala evening as were also the many couples attending it.

Leap Year Hop. This dance, as its name so readily suggests, was a successful attempt by the Junior class to produce a dance with an ultra-modern quality. It was a rare occasion for the boys as the beaten path of custom was cast aside with the girls providing for the evening's entertainment.

The evening of dancing to Al Green's orchestra was preceded by the choosing of the king and queen, who reigned over the festive occasion.

Held February 27, the dance was one of the most enjoyable events of the year.

Prom. The prom of 1948 was held in the Marquette Pavilion, May 14. The couples danced to the music of Bud Pressner's Orchestra. King and Queen, Jim Lennertz and Pat Blaze, were chosen from the candidates, who were Bebe DeFoor, Pat Blaze, Phyllis Borrmann, Jim Lennertz, Ralph Wood, and Bob Reichanadter.

Personality Poll

Best Personality
Alice and Harry



Most Popular
Inga and Jim



Best Looking
Barb and Jack



The above were chosen for their respective titles through a school vote. The candidates for each were nominated by the senior class.



Most Comical
Norma and Howard



Most Intellectual
George

Most Likely To Succeed
Jo and Rich



Best Dressed
Marianna and Bob

annual and senior dance, everyone voted for their choice. These candidates have proven through their high school years to fit the above titles for which they were chosen.

Class Room



Chemistry



Geometry



Girls' Gym



Library

Activities



Physics



World History



Typing



Metal Shop



Merrillville life as portrayed by these snaps proves to be exciting, adventurous and amusing.

Upper left: Jim Moninger, Bob Sullivan, and Harry Davis strike triumphant, possessive poses. Can you see the rabbit?

Middle left: President Ruth Bodamer and vice president Joyce Anderson smile smugly at the successful formal initiation given by Tri-Ep. Also enjoying the scene is Ida McDougald, a charter member.

Lower left: Beverly and Norma Davis seem to enjoy the outdoor life. Perched jauntily here they are trying hard not to laugh as the camera goes to work.

Upper center: 1st grade smiles are by far the brightest and most carefree. Here we recognize such old friends as: Bob Appleton, Barbara DeFoor, George Brewer, Bob Sullivan, Marge Hoepfner, Joyce Mandy and Cupie Thomas.

Center: Watch out! Here comes Ruth Jones, the woman driver and her gang. Holding the windshield wiper intact is jovial Norma Bushong.

Laughingly crowding the rumble seat are: Evelyn Fiske, Barbara Popp and Lita Stelenhoefer. Ruth Bodamer risked her life to snap them in action.

Lower center: Flora Mager and Dorothy Phillips take time out between classes and studies to pose for our photographers. Ah! those busy seniors.

Center right: Caught by the camera are Betty Lou Borman and friend Rick. This happy couple is very popular around M.H.S. But we don't see Dennis Lou anywhere about - the three of them are buddies.

Upper right: Speak of the devil - - Dennis Lou Henricks, the editor of the "49" **Merrillvue** sniffs the list of her ice cream into Mary Woodard's willing mouth. Both are good sports and we know for their rare senses of humor.

Lower right: Last but not least we find our football spectators. If you will recognize such sport friends as Arlen Mohler, Cupie Thomas, Bob Kraft

Class Will

I **Joyce Ann Anderson** do hereby bequeath the name **Len** to **Christine Lenon**.

I **Bob Appleton** do hereby bequeath my **Fun** to **Louise Schwall**.

I **Irene Bodnar** do hereby bequeath my typing **Gift** to **Virginia Franko**.

I **Bob Bodamer** do hereby bequeath my football ability to **Ralph White**.

I **Ruth Bodamer** do hereby bequeath my car to **Mr. Demaree**.

I **Betty Lou Borman** do hereby bequeath my ability to get to school on time to **Mike Senko**.

I **Jane Bowers** do hereby bequeath my driving ability to my sister, **Betty**.

I **Norma Bushong** do hereby bequeath my cockney accent to **Darrell Leuer**.

I **Alice Brek** do hereby bequeath my quietness to my sister **Mary**, who needs it.

I **George Brewer** do hereby bequeath my ability to talk out of my mouth to **Mr. Needham**.

I **Marquerite Burris** do hereby bequeath my long hair to my sister, **Lillian**.

I **Valle Collins** do hereby bequeath my pepsodent smile to **Mary Woodland**.

I **Tommy Crew** do hereby bequeath my jitterbugging ability to **Jim Lukewich**.

I **Jean Davies** do hereby bequeath my shorthand book to **Betty Cook**.

I **Harry Davis** do hereby bequeath by ability to stay out of trouble to anyone who needs it.

I **Yvonne Davis** do hereby bequeath my love for Merrillville to my sister, **Beverly**.

I **Barbara DeFoor** do hereby bequeath my cheer-leading outfit to **Bebe** in hopes that she will need it next year.

I **Tressa Elch** do hereby bequeath my seat in sixth period study to **Joan McDonald**.

I **Virginia Ferrell** do hereby bequeath all my **Classes** under **Miss Inbody** to some **unlucky** person.

I **Henrietta Fleck** do hereby bequeath my hair to **Joann Yaros**.

I **Jack Griffin** do hereby bequeath my ability to play football without getting hurt to my brother, **Pat**.

I **Shirley Greiner** do hereby bequeath my tinyness to **Gerry Johnson**.

I **Lawrence Grundler** do hereby bequeath the presidency of **F.F.A.** to **Burdette Homeler**.

I **Josephine Hailman** do hereby bequeath my ability to get through **Lines 11** to my sister **Mary Ann**.

I **Marjorie Hoepner** do hereby bequeath my **Fun** at the **Wagon Wheel** to **Donna Henricks**.

I **Anne Horn** do hereby bequeath my ability to make the school bus **interesting** and **evening** to **Joyce Neff**.

I **Ed Huelster** do hereby bequeath my chair to **Can-nibal**.

I **John Johnson** do hereby bequeath my art ability to **Joyce Harlock**.

I **Ruth Jones** do hereby bequeath my car to **Mary Wordland**.

I **Gerry Kellman** do hereby bequeath my sweet personality to **Ruth Cordes**.

I **Ila Mae Kimble** do hereby bequeath the presidency of **G.A.A.** to **Joyce Neff**.

I **Marlene Kros** do hereby bequeath my nickname **Fl-2 O-2** to **Paula Hoffman**.

I **Jack Lahale** do hereby bequeath my position as art editor to **Roberta Ingram**.

I **Alice Landham** do hereby bequeath all **Edison** men to **Caroline Lenon**.

I **Lester Luebcke** do hereby bequeath my place in **F.F.A.** to **Howard Hughes**.

I **Flora Mager** do hereby bequeath my chewing gum to **Conne McLaverly**.

I **Dorothy Magnuson** do hereby bequeath my place in the chair to **Martha Lee Mathews**.

I **Chester Mailhofer** do hereby bequeath my "hot rod" junk, that is to **Dan Molchan**.

I **Joyce Mandly** do hereby bequeath my troubles to **Joan McAlpin**.

I **Ida McDonald** do hereby bequeath my loneliness during my senior year to **Yvonne Miller**.

I **Patty Mitchell** do hereby bequeath my ability on the coronet to **Jim Spurr**.

I **Arlen Mohler** do hereby bequeath my **Charles Atlas** physique to **Pat White**.

I **Jim Moninger** do hereby bequeath co-captaincy of football team to **Jack Simms**.

I **Eileen Magee** do hereby bequeath my singing ability to **Lillian Burns**.

I **Marianna O'Brien** do hereby bequeath my long tresses to **Phyllis Robinson**.

I **Eather Peterson** do hereby bequeath my ability to graduate in four years to **Jean Davis**.

I **Evelyn Piske** do hereby bequeath my missing the bus or being late for it every morning to **Grace Bodamer**.

I, **Jack Purcell**, do hereby bequeath my musical ability to Jim Spurr.

I, **Barbara Popp**, do hereby bequeath my swimming to my sister, Audrey.

I, **Jack Purcell**, do hereby bequeath my dancing ability to Chawarhead.

I, **Bill Purcell**, do hereby bequeath my Theano Denny Melchan.

I, **James Shaver**, do hereby bequeath my love for Mr. Pruitt to anyone who needs it.

I, **Richard Spiroff**, do hereby bequeath my ability to throw firecrackers in chemistry class to Betty Reichenthaler.

I, **Jean Serles**, do hereby bequeath my health to Jean McDonald.

I, **Patty Spurr**, do hereby bequeath my seat in back keeping to some unlucky senior of '46.

I, **Inga Steinhaus**, do hereby bequeath my dimples to Marilyn Danielson.

I, **Lita Stiefenhofer**, do hereby bequeath my love for horses to Jerry O'Brien.

I, **Robert Springer**, do hereby bequest my quietness to Charles Aubuchon.

I, **Eileen Stofa**, do hereby bequeath my willingness to Patty Blaze.

I, **Robert Sullivan**, do hereby bequeath my nickname "Sandy" to Don Carpenter.

I, **Bob Thomas**, do hereby bequeath my brains to Bob Kraft.

I, **Charles Thompson**, do hereby bequeath my long curly hair to any girls who need it.

I, **Carole Tonage**, do hereby bequeath my love for Miss Ketting to anyone who wants it.

I, **Ed Vereb**, do hereby bequeath my basketball ability to Jim Jaknevich.

I, **Douglas Weitbrock**, do hereby bequeath my pants in clothes to Bob Wilson.

I, **Julie Wentland**, do hereby bequeath the contents of the "Mirror" to John Thompsonson.

I, **Bill Wilson**, do hereby bequeath my car around sports ability to Calvin Pratt.

I, **Ruth Wininger**, do hereby bequeath my seat on Fred Edding's bus to anyone who wants it.

I, **Howard Wojahn**, do hereby bequeath my willingness to Bob Wilson.

I, **Marilyn Wood**, do hereby bequeath Merrillville High School to anyone who wants it.

I, **Betty Wesley**, do hereby bequeath my ability to stay out of love to my sister. Este who has a new love every other week.

We, the Senior Class, being of good health and sound mind, do hereby bequeath the following:
To the Class of '49.

The financial difficulties encountered by class of '48
To the Class of '50.

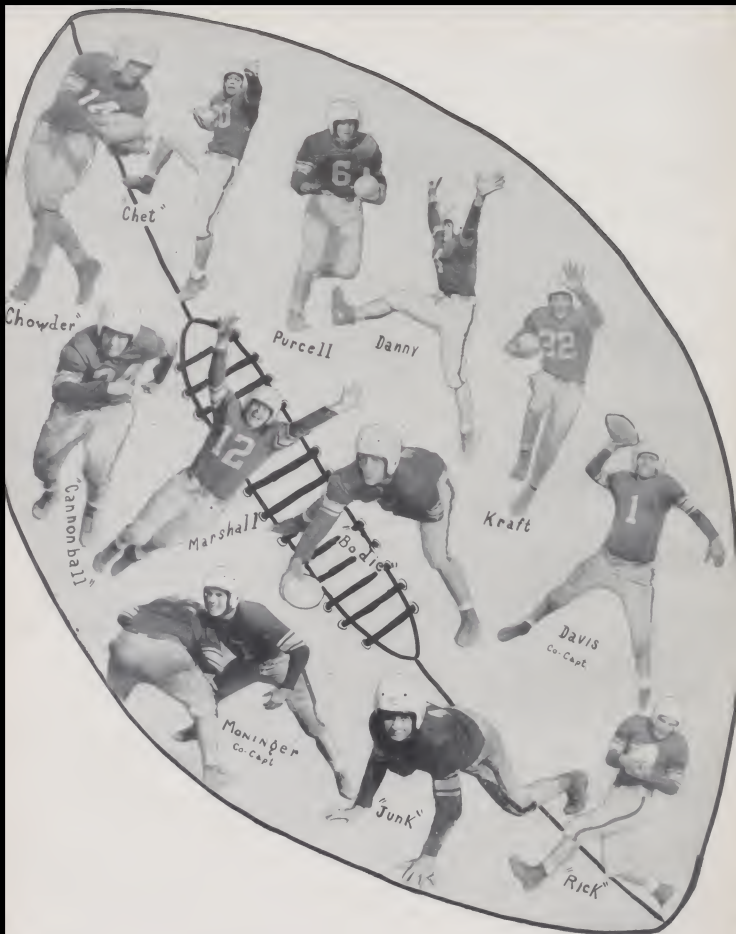
The wisdom of the class of '48.
To the Class of '51.

The joy of being promoted to junior-sophomores.
To the Class of '52.

The joy of being freshmen students at Merrillville High School.
To the School we leave our fond memories.

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Football Coach and Managers



Robert Reed, Coach; Clarence, Bob, Managers

Last but not the least, \$1000 for football at Merrillville through the Thrift account by Mr. Thompson. Thanks a bunch to you. We know the money will do good in future years.

Although the team had to leave early, they fought till the end when the referee called time. With the help of the community and the school, a football field is underway for next years' team. A 1947 Outdoorsman was pleased to contribute to the field. We do not know how to thank the community and others who helped toward the building of the football field.

Bob Bodemer, who played center on the team, was awarded an honorable mention on the all-state football team. We are all proud of you, Bob.

We would all like to thank Coach Bodemer for the time and patience he has given to bring the team to victory.

In the future years we hope the team will rank as high as they do in other years.

Football Schedule

Merrillville	12
Merrillville	6
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Merrillville	7
Merrillville	20
Merrillville	7
Merrillville	19
Merrillville	13
Merrillville	26

East Gary	2
Rensselaer	6
Crown Point	7
Lowell	14
Griffith	20
West	14
Horace Mann Reserves	0
East Gary	0
St. Marys	7
Chico	12



Seniors on Football Team

Row 1: Bob Farnell, Robert Anderson,
Jack Grady, Jack Venable, Ed Farnock,
James Montgomery, Bob Wilson, Coach
Dunlap.
Row 2: Jack Latham, Robert Elymore,
Harry Lewis, Chester Madison, Leon
Johnson.

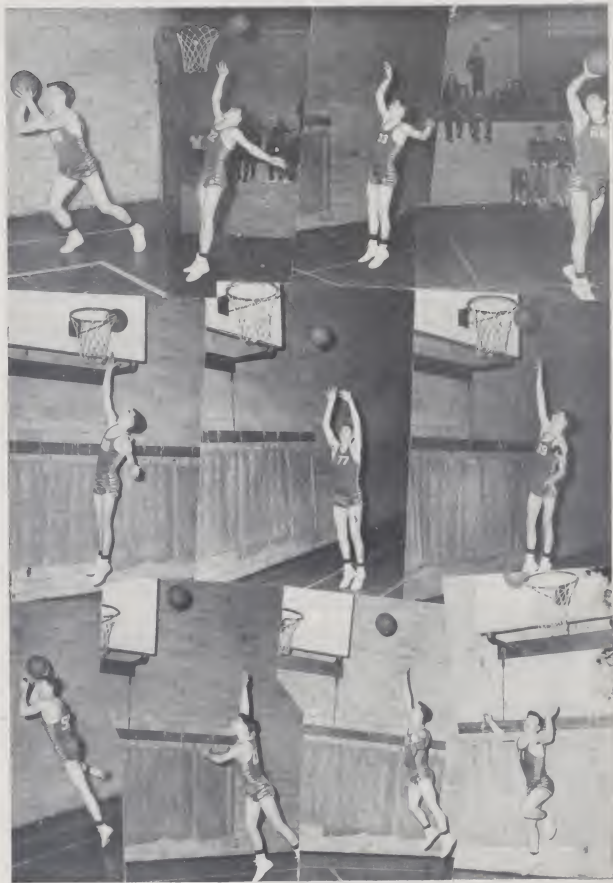
Cheerleaders

Those four bits of atomic bombs you saw leading the cheers at the football games are none other than Mary Woodland, Betty Borman, Joyce Hancock, and Bebe DeFoor. Those four jumping jills were Merrillville girls' contribution to the football team's moral. As usual they had something to cheer about. Everyone will agree that the girls were a fine group of cheerleaders.



Action Shots







Row 1: (Kneeling) Coach Engohant, Danny Melchan, Jack Purcell, William Wilson, Bill Purcell.
Row 2: Arlen Mohler, Robert Kraft, Robert Thomas, David Johnston, Bob Richardson, Chester Melcher, George Brewer.

Pardon our expanded chests and popping buttons, but have you ever seen us so proud? To win 21 games with nary a miss is nothing to be sneezed at!!

We're as proud of Coach Ed Engohant that words can't express it.

Our moral was dropped two notches when we lost Bill Purcell. But the team was a sure list because they worked as a team, one for all and all for one. We don't need to remind you that we are one of the few undefeated teams in Indiana.

Winning the Crown Point Holiday Tournament was no small matter either. We defeated Dyer, Crown Point, and Griffith in succession proving our right to the trophy.

Although seven of the varsity left, top notch basketball will stay in M. H. S. for a long time.

Basketball Schedule

Merrillville	38	Hammill, Ind.	20
Merrillville	45	Elletts	25
Merrillville	53	DeWitt	34
Merrillville	56	East Gary	43
Merrillville	53	Griffith	42
Merrillville	58	Pottsville	39
Merrillville	42	Roosevelt	41
Merrillville	37	Lewell	30
Merrillville	56	Crown Point	35
Merrillville	41	Quincy	40

Holiday Tournament

Merrillville	45	Griffith	44
Merrillville	51	Elletts	46
Merrillville	40	Mohler	22
Merrillville	42	Dyer	18
Merrillville	48	Crown Point	34
Merrillville	54	Elletts	24
Merrillville	56	Hammill	20
Merrillville	71	East Gary	38
Merrillville	51	Whisper	30
Merrillville	53	Warr	39
Merrillville	41	Lewell	43



Howard Wilson, Coach Ed Engohant, Robert Thomas.

Sectionals

Merrillville	35	E. C. Washington	48
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FRESHMEN TEAM

Row 1: Kennedy, Robert; Davidson, James; Johnson, Ted; Mendenhall, Brian; Lewis, Robert; Murphy, Larry; Gayle, James; Smith, John.
Row 2: Wilson, McDonald; Charles, Lawrence; Charles, Anderson; Martin, Wierbeck; Wayne, Carpenter; James, Watkins; John, Miller; Bland, Brian; Bianchi, Joe; Tracy, Lawrence.

SECOND TEAM

Row 1: Kneeling: Charles, Mendenhall; Jack, Sims; Donald, Johnson; Robert, Wilson; Robert, Johnson.
Row 2: Brian, Powell; Robert, Smith; Robert, Wood; Bill, Gaynor; James, Leake; Larry, Mendenhall; Donald, Carpenter; Roy, Sims; William, Kimble; Richard, Franklin; David, Davidson.

Basketball

These three peppy lasses, Inga Steinhaus, Barbara DeFoor and Bebe DeFoor by name, were the basketball cheerleaders. That they did a fine bit of work, everyone will agree. They introduced several new yells for this superdeluxe ball team. One of their best yells was "Buckle Down You Pirates". They really had a workout at the games, for each and every one was exciting.

Cheerleaders

This was the first year that the freshmen have ventured a team by themselves. Eleven games were played, two won and nine lost. They lost in the Freshmen Tournament to Dyer by a score of 18 - 5. Gary Edison took the same by defeating Dyer.

This team also had a following which were lead by Joann Powers, Rosalie Sharp and Barbara Keaton.

This team, with further coaching, shall carry on Merrillville's fame.



BASKETBALL





Track

We had an average track team this year because the team had very little previous experience. We held our own with the various schools against whom we compet-

ed. We hope that next year's team will be just as good, if not better than this year's team. Several members of the team graduated this year.

Base 1: James Schoon, Deane Leake, Thomas Rostovski, Larry Joyce, Richard Hollingsworth, Richard Johnson, David Johnson, Bob Reinhardt, Bill Wilson, James Moninger, Harry Davis, Roy S. William McDonald, Robert Wilson, Jack Suss, Robert Fiear, Danny Mattson, Edon Powers, Chester Muhler, Leon Malvos, Charles Aubuchon, William McDade.





Row 1: Robert Thomas, Howard Winkler, Wilson, Wilson, Garry, Linton, Jimmy Morrison, David Wieschok.
Row 2: Coach Englehart, George Brewer, Robert Kray, Jack Weil, Jack Farrell, Edger, Howie, Howard Bodamer, Bob Freudenberger, Melvin Marshall.

Our chances for a good baseball team seemed to be fairly good. We had nearly all the same players as the preceding year. Eight conference games and two non-conference games were played.

Games played in the early fall resulted in two wins and one loss.

With Coach Ed Englehart coaching our boys we couldn't help but have a BANG-UP ball team.

SPRING SEASON GAMES

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Garry, Denson,
Garry, Weil,
Dyer,
Griffith,
Winkler,
Linton,
Freudenberger,
Hodgson.

FALL SEASON GAMES

Freudenberger (L)
Hodgson (W)
Winkler (W)

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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.2 million (Office for National Statistics 1999).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the community. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out a vision for the future of older people's health and care. The strategy is based on the following principles:

- Older people should be able to live independently and actively in the community.
- Older people should be able to access the services and support they need.
- Older people should be able to participate in decisions about their care and support.
- Older people should be able to live in a safe and secure environment.

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